

The Homestead Grays, who were organized in 1912 by a group of Homestead boys to play twilight and Saturday baseball against other clubs of the Homestead district, have played each season since that time.

While the Homestead Grays are owned by two Homestead men, Rufus Jackson and C. W. Posey, and S. H. Posey is the Business Manager, the 1945 team shows but two players who actually live in Homestead throughout the year. They are Robert "Rab" Gaston and Ray Brown.

Manager Vic Harris, Josh Gibson, Sam Bankhead are the only Pittsburgh men on the team.

The other players are mostly from the South except Edsel Walker who comes from Catskill, New York; Jerry Benjamin from Detroit, Michigan; Dave Hoskins from Flint, Michigan and "Cool Papa" Bell from St. Louis, Mo.

The Grays have won the Championship of the Negro National League each year since 1936, and were World's Colored Champions in 1943 and 1944.

The 1945 team shows but two men who were not on their 1944 team. They are Robbie Robinson, who played with the Atlanta Black Crackers in 1944, Robinson is an infielder and catcher. The other man is R. T. Walker, who had a great record while pitching for The St. Louis Stars in 1944.

Among the players who joined the armed forces of Uncle Sam from the Homestead Grays' roster are "Shorty" Williams of Cincinnati, an outfielder; Garnet Blair of Carnegie, a pitcher; Johnny Wright of New Orleans, another pitcher; Matthew Carlisle of Birmingham, a second baseman and Howard Easterling, another infielder, from Cincinnati.



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While the Homestead Grays are owned by two Homestead men, Walter Jackson and O. W. Pender, and A. H. Pender is the business manager, the 1945 team shows but two players who actually live in Homestead throughout the year. They are Henry "Doc" Jackson and Ray Brown.

Manager J. L. Martin, Jack Gibson, Sam Hamilton and the only Pittsburgh man on the team.

The Grays are mostly from the South except Special Walter who comes from Canada. The team has been playing since 1912.

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Frank Art Center

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Among the players who joined the team from the Homestead Grays were "Doc" Jackson, an outfielder, Henry "Doc" Jackson, a pitcher, Johnny Wright of New Orleans, another pitcher, Mattison, a pitcher, a second baseman and Howard Kesterson, another infielder.

From Cincinnati.